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In re the Application of: YAJIMA, Taro, et al.

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Examiner: Rodney G. McDonald

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For. **MATCHING BOX, VACUUM APPARATUS USING THE SAME, AND
VACUUM PROCESSING METHOD**

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: January 6, 2006

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated September 12, 2005 for one month, from December 12, 2005 to January 12, 2006.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$120.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a large entity. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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